

## Willie and Bertie Get Abstract

The inhabitants of the west tower of the chapel, Willie the Wise Owl and Bertie the Bat, delved into the abstract during a recent conversation. Here is a reasonable facsimile of the discussion as Bertie reported it.



How many legs does a jay bird have? Willie asks me for no reason at all.

Two, I ses.

Suppose you think of a jay, he ses, with another leg; then how many legs does a jay bird have.

Three, I ses.

You're wrong, ses Willie, he still has only two. Just because you think he has three doesn't make him have 'em.

I ses, so what!

Some people, he ses, go through life making that big mistake. They got the idea that because they think something is so then it just hasta be that way.

What causes that? I ses.

Sometimes it is 'cause they ain't got sense, and sometimes 'cause they don't know or don't recognize first principles.

What pray tell, I ses, are first principles.

They are the truths that never change, he ses.

You mean they don't change no matter what happens? I ask.

Yes, he ses, they are the same when the Democrats and when

the Republicans are in office; they are the same during blizzards and during heat waves, they are the same now as they are before the pyramids is built, and will be the

same a million and one years after the last pyramid is dissolved.

What brings that up? I asks.

I am just thinkin' what a fine thing it is that this college stresses the teaching of first priciples, he ses.

Don't all colleges give out with the same kind of teaching? I ask.

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## PLAN THREE-DAY GRAD REUNION

### Navy Approves St. Joe For V-1

St. Joseph's College has been accepted for the Navy Department's V-1 Accredited College Program.

From V-1 it will be possible for a student to go into V-7 or V-5 training. This will enable him to complete his college career before joining the armed forces.

Basic work in mathematics will be required by V-1, aside from that a student will be permitted to pursue any program of education in accordance with his interest and abilities.

St. Joseph's current semester will close with Commencement, Saturday, May 16. A summer session, introduced that students may complete their college work in three calendar years, will open Monday, June 8. The summer session will close August 1. The fall semester is scheduled to open September 21.

### Alumni Office Gets News From Service

News from training centers continue to trickle into the Alumni Office:

John Labadie, '33-'35, is with the Sixth Candidate Co., Officers Candidate School, Fort Knox, Ky.

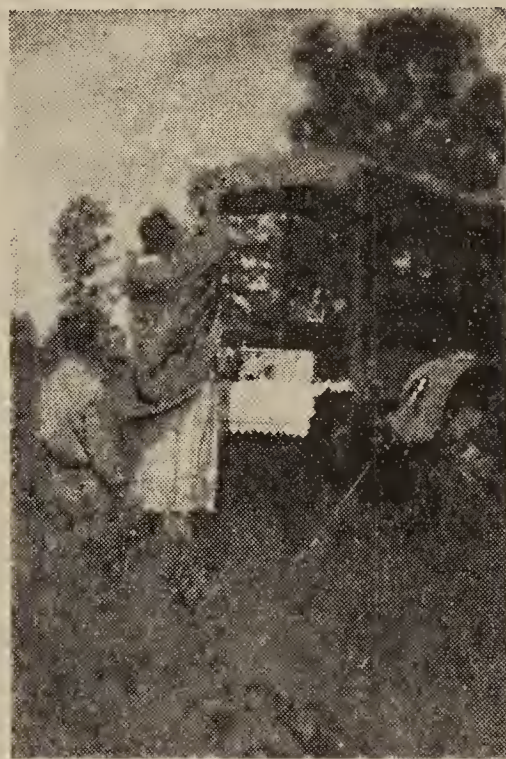
Pvt. Andrew Bourdow, class of '38, says, "Any word from former classmates or students would be welcome. I promise to answer all correspondence." He may be reached by writing 44th Division Training Cadre, Co. C, 174th Infantry Det., A. P. O. 44, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Vincent J. Shank, '34-'36, was inducted February 17. His address is 368 T. S. S. Sp. Barracks 267, Scott Field, Ill.

Edward E. McKeever, Jr., '39-

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### EVERYWHERE



From mammoth cathedrals to small country churches—and now on the back of trucks far afield—Mass is said daily. The Rev. Ferd Evans, '26-'28, is shown at elevation during maneuvers at Camp Shelby, Miss.

### Grads Plug Jap Lingo

The puzzling Japanese language is testing the wits of Norman Fisher, '33-'37, and Allen Hutter, '35-'37. The language backgrounds of St. Joe students, who usually found Latin, Greek, German and French on their curricula, aid them in getting appointments to Intelligence Corps work.

There are no ads about learning Japanese in ten easy lessons. It takes at least eighteen months to get a working knowledge of the language. With a similar amount of brain work, a student could learn French or Swedish in half the time.

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### Sunday, May 31 Set For Annual Banquet, Election

CLASS OF '32 TO MARK TENTH ANNIVERSARY MAY 30, 31, JUNE 1

The 1942 Alumni Reunion will be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 30, 31 and June 1.

The traditional banquet, to be followed by the annual business meeting, will be held Sunday night.

Because of the increase in working hours, many alumni will find it possible to return to the campus only for a few hours sometime or other during the reunion days. For this reason, no formal program is being arranged. But alumni are welcome to get up a foresome in golf, or a game of softball whenever they take the notion.

The class of '32 will have its official tenth anniversary reunion. Graduates of that class are:

Norman Koller, Robert Nieset, Alex Leiker, Gilbert Wirtz, James Conroy, Bernard Hartlage, Thomas Harris, Joseph Otte, Howard Hoover, Thomas Siebeneck (deceased), John Byrne, Raphael Gross, Leonard Storch, Lawrence Brown, Herman Schnurr, William Coleman, Kenneth Moore, Robert Zahn, Charles Mitchell, Arthur Kuhlman, Fred Cardinali, Vincent Parr, Harry Connelly, Clarence Schuerman, Robert Stukenborg, Urban Iffert, Lawrence Ernst, Vincent Kreinbrink, Adam Frankovich, Matthew Lange, Vincent Mallikse, John Lefko, Isadore McCarthy, Clarence Rabble, Leo Lemkuhl, Jos. Wittkofski, Timothy Downey, Carmen Nardecchia, Frank Nowak, Robt. Sorg, Lawrence Gollner, Ignat-

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## We Knew That Long Ago!

It took a war to make many people realize the value of something St. Joseph's has been teaching for fifty years.

Msgr. William R. Arnold, '96-'02, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Armed Forces, notes, according to Our Sunday Visitor, a revitalization of religious interests among the boys in the camps. He, however, corroborates reports that many chaplains have found widespread ignorance of religion among the soldiers, and announces that the Army's religious program will therefore have to be aimed at focusing attention on the men who have been deprived of a religious education.

"The Army is a cross-section of the country as a whole," Msgr. Arnold says, "and it is inevitable that the same religious habits found in civilian life will be reflected in the men in our armed forces. You cannot expect to find much religion among the men in the Army if they come from homes which are not religious."

Msgr. Arnold also refers to our national census which shows that fewer than half of our nation's people belong to any church, and that even among church goers many are careless in their religious habits.

The soldiers' interest in religion also draws comment from the widely-read columnist Robert Quillen, who reports that our boys in the Philippines "were asking for New Testaments or asking their chaplains to tell them about God."

Said Quillen:

"Let no agnostic or cynic safe at home in America, prove himself base and ignoble by sneering at them. It is not fear or death that turns their minds to God. If they were afraid of dying, they would run or surrender—and all the world knows that no men ever faced death with more gallant courage.

"It is not fear that turns them to God, but understanding and awe. For the first times in their lives they are aware of death. . . .

"And because death is at least real, his soul hungers for assurance that death is not the end, and in child-like humility and honesty he tries to find his way to God.

"We can all fool ourselves, when we feel secure, and avoid anxiety about the hereafter by refusing to think about it; but we mature quickly in the presence of death, and nothing seems important except the assurance of God's love and forgiveness."

Bombing squadrons, U-boats and tank attacks were never necessary to assure religion of its rightful place on St. Joseph's campus.

## Meet The Departments

(This is the fifth in a series of articles written to acquaint alumni with various departments at St. Joseph's. Outlines of Departments of Science, English, Religion, Philosophy and Education, and Social Sciences appeared in previous issues.)

The increasing value of language study has been pointed out by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Hiller, C.P.P.S., chairman of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, and the Rev. Dr. Anthony Paluszak, chairman of the Department of Classical Languages.

Father Hiller said that the war has been a boon to the study of languages. Spanish, especially, has found new popularity; because of the United States' increased business relationships with South America.

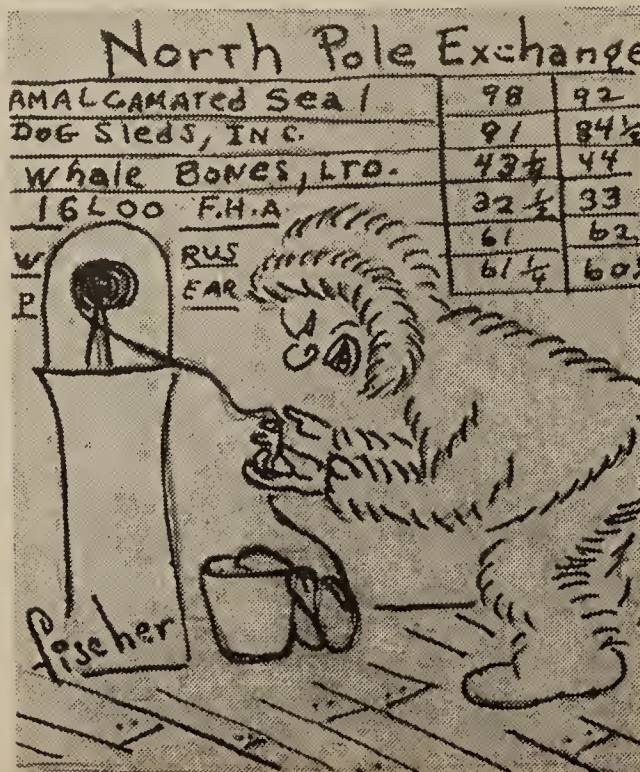
Young Americans can be of service to their country by studying the German language, Dr. Hiller said. It has been compulsory for German children to study English for several years. Americans should arm themselves with the language of the enemy, Dr. Hiller urged. Shunning German is only playing into the hands of the opposition.

Complete courses in French, Spanish, and German are taught at St. Joseph's by Dr. Hiller, the Rev. Edmund Guillozet, C.P.P.S., and Dr. Theodore B. Frank, of Vienna.

Father Paluszak recommends the study of Greek and Latin for pre-med students and for majors in English. It is most valuable for the understanding of medical terminology, Dr. Paluszak explained, and the study of classical languages makes a firm foundation on which to build the knowledge of the heritage of the English language.

The classics are taught by Dr. Paluszak, the Revs. Sylvester Hartman, C.P.P.S., Camillus Lutkemeier, C.P.P.S., Dr. Walter Pax, C. P.P.S., Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., and Charles Robbins, C.P.P.S.

## Thawing Frozen Assets



Ugh! Synthetic Blubber up five points. Me send in fieldhouse contribution pretty quick now.



## Turn Back the Clock

THE FRESHMAN ECHO was the name of a paper published by the High School Freshmen in the Spring of 1929. Its business manager, Raymond Weixler, of South Bend, wrote a few months ago asking that excerpts from the publication be reprinted in this column. Here they are:

THE PAGES of the eight-page publication were the same size as those of CONTACT. Each page carried three sixteen-pica columns, the same as the editorial page which you are now reading. The only picture was the three-column mob scene of the fifty-eight members of the class featured on page one. The setting was the front steps of the chapel, scene of many a photographic massacre.

THE YOUNGSTERS, who were later graduated as the class of '34, made their project break even financially for no other reason than that they had more brass than the foot-rail in an old fashioned saloon. They sold ads, practically at the point of a gun, and peddled their papers on the streets of Rensselaer to anyone with a spare nickel.

ADVERTISERS were the Junior Billiard Room, Herman Reineck and Gib Wirtz, managers; College Photo Company, John W. Baechle, proprietor; Kollegeville Kandy Kompany, Joe Schill and Tom Durkin, managers.

UNDER EDITORSHIP of Bernard DeMars, the paper carried a roundup of campus news for the '28-'29 scholastic year, with special stress on that in which Freshmen participated. Top stories were Father Rapp's Jubilee celebration, Bishop Stritch's visit to Collegeville, the Freshman class banquet, the annual retreat, and the St. Pat's Day parade, which, incidentally, was the last of a long line of St. Pat parades.

TRUE TO FORM of all high school publications, THE ECHO branded itself with the mark of adolescence by having a column which began, "St. Joe wouldn't be St. Joe without:" Here are a few of the things it seems the campus couldn't be without: Joe Bauscher haunting the tennis courts; Eddie Brown getting a letter each day; Ches Bowling betting his pies; Eddie Spalding relating exciting experiences, and Clancy Schumacker working crossword puzzles.

THE ECHO held up its literary end with a Freshman Class Song, by William Pank, and a verse titled "An Argument," by Vernon Rosenthal. The freshies in those days were appreciative little cusses judging from articles they wrote on appreciation of professors, alumni hall, the choir, and the mission unit.



## THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

**BASEBALL SEASON** opened with a victory over Purdue and three losses to Indiana.

**BOXING** made its exit with two St. Joe fighters winning state championships. Jim McKenna, of Terre Haute, holds the 127-lb. state college title, and Dick Kindig, of South Bend, is the Indiana champ in the 135-lb. class. St. Joe won third place in the State Boxing Tournament. Final results were: Valparaiso 18, Indiana State 14, St. Joe 13, Purdue 11, Notre Dame 5.

**TENNIS SCHEDULE** includes: April 18, Wabash; April 23, at Wabash; May 2, at DePauw; May 9, Butler.

**TRACK EVENTS** in which Puma athletes will participate are: April 21, at DePauw; May 2, at Indiana Central; May 9, at Rose Poly; May 16, (Little State Meet) at DePauw.

**TWO MATCHES** are scheduled for the golf team: April 18, Wabash; April 23, at Wabash.

**THREE INDIANA** Conference teams—Butler, Indiana State, and Valparaiso—are on the eight-game 1942 football schedule.

Contests with Loras College, of Davenport, Iowa, and St. Norbert College, of West DePere, Wis., are scheduled for Sunday afternoons.

The complete schedule: Oct. 3, at Illinois Normal; Oct. 11, Loras College; Oct. 17, Illinois Wesleyan; Oct. 25, at St. Ambrose; Oct. 31, at Indiana State; Nov. 8, at St. Norbert; Nov. 14, at Butler; Nov. 21, at Valparaiso.

## Spring Prom Nears

Alumni are invited by the Monogram Club to attend the annual Spring Formal, Saturday, April 18.

Eddie Howard, composer of Careless, A Million Dreams Ago, and Our Last Goodbye, will bring his orchestra to Rensselaer for the occasion.

## Dick Scheiber, of '41, Writes Experiences At U. S. Air Base

It would be time wasted to rewrite the current biography of Richard Scheiber, of the class of '41, who was editor of the campus newspaper for three years; contributor to the student literary magazine, and historian for the yearbook.

Here is the story, it should all be put in quotation marks, of the U. S. Naval Cadet now in training at Pensacola, Fla. His observations and experiences are similar to those of dozens of young alumni scattered in camps across the country:

Yes,, I think often about a year ago this time. I still have last year's desk calendar. It's all smeared on the backside of March where the Rains Came to Drexel Hall, and I was too busy working accounting to notice. And Lang was trying his worst to sell or trade me his out-moded and class-worn corduroy trousers. He is out in Pueblo, Colorado, recuperating from a nasal operation.

Luke Daniel is several months behind me, and is going through at Corpus Christi, where Tom Kirk is still an instructor. In Corpus also is Ken Marlin, the prodigious, Mental Gargantua, who used to read Science Digest where anyone else would look up L'll Abner. We had some of the finest discussions—all without conclusion—back at Glenview, but I haven't seen him since.

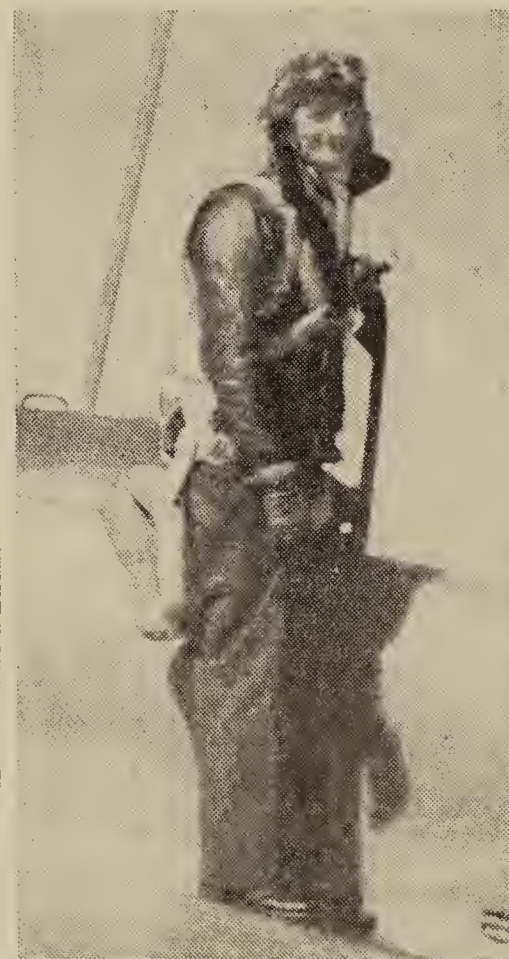
Bob Runnion is finishing up in engineering at Purdue. Dick Perl is a newly-christened corporal in the Third Repair Squadron, Duncan Field, Texas. A few weeks ago whom should he run into but Private Carroll McCool, stationed at the same place.

We have a cadet glee club here and I am contributing with an uncertain baritone. The director used to be the head choral man at University of Arkansas, and was considerably incensed when a regimental order last week made him shave his very professional-looking mustache. The place is full of characters like that.

For another instance, many a night I sat up here on the top-deck lounge after taps chewing the fat with a former NBC announcer and Club Matinee man named Bert Coulson. He was offered a Rhodes scholarship in 1939, and won a national debat-

ing bout in 1938. He's an out and out agnostic, but nearly a likeable one. Trouble is that he's too darn much of a professional arguer to yield a point. He got commisioned last week, and I'm getting more sleep now that he's co-pilot on a patrol bomber in San Diego.

And there are a host more. Saturday night a group of us had



DICK SCHEIBER

dinner down at the Officers Club a la Bigshot. One of the boys, a fellow baritone, was a former advertising layout artist in New York. So we got around to art for art's sake, and so on. I actually could still present a fair brief of Father Speckbaugh's ten canons after all these years.

The British cadets in training here are a Ringling side-show. I observe them pretty closely, especially when they get in a little close on formation cross-overs. They are a scholarly bunch, though; they keep the library busy, carry books with them constantly. They all carry cameras, even when they fly, and that gets them in Dutch. I think they break more rules than anyone else, also get lost or nose over in the sand when the runway gets short.

For six weeks I've been second-in-command on our daily mimeograph cadet news-sheet. They've asked me to collaborate

## Chapter Fetes St. Joe Chorus

FORT WAYNE.—The local alumni chapter, headed by Henry Contant, was host to the St. Joseph College Glee Club, Sunday, April 12.

After the chorus' broadcast from 5:05 till 5:30 p. m., over WOWO, the students were guests of the alumni at a dinner in the swank Berghoff Grill. For the entertainment of the patrons the Glee Club, accompanied by the Grill's dance orchestra, sang Bombay, and Your Land and My Land.

Between three and four hundred persons attended the chorus' concert presented at 8 p. m., in St. Patrick's Hall. A talk, "St. Joseph's Place in Catholic Education," was given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Monahan, pastor of St. Patrick's.

with my Yale-architect-school friend, Harold Kellog, of Boston, in revising the present cadet handbook.

The station magazine is edited by Father O'Callahan, a Jesuit and former Ph. D. in Physics at Boston College. For his last edition I contributed two editorials, plus a Talk-of-the-Town column and an on-the-spot feature about the Saturday night Shore Patrol. Now I'm stewing on my first short story in quite a while. His reception of my stuff floors me, but what he prints is his responsibility.

I'm in the midst of "blind flying" now, where you rely on instruments solely. We're getting radio beam flying now, too, plus the dubious advantages of flying in the Link Trainer. Boy, this is the real malarkey. The seat of my pants, for so long the tried and true guage for keeping 'er straight and level, I must trust no longer. But it's fine work.

After three weeks of this instrument stuff, I move into the final stretch. I'm to be a scout-observation pilot, not a fighter or patrol bomber man. This training will lead to the duty of instructor, of that of shore base patrol, or sea duty aboard a cruiser or battleship, where you fly a pontooned plane off a catapult.

I will probably get a leave after graduating here in May; then I'm going to return to the campus for a visit.



## Seven Wait For Ordination

ST. MEINRAD, IND.—Seven alumni, all graduates of the class of '36, will complete their studies at St. Meinrad's in a few weeks, and will be ordained, Saturday, May 30, at Fort Wayne. They are:

Eugene Zimmerman, Gary; Albert VanNevel, Mishawaka; Bernard Shank, Winamac; Frederick Schroeder, Mishawaka; George Muresan, East Chicago; Robert Hoevel, Fort Wayne; Timothy Doody, Whiting.

## ALUMNI OFFICE GETS NEWS FROM SERVICE

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'40, of Englewood, N. J., reported for Naval Aviation Flight Training, March 12, at the U. S. Naval Aviation Reserve Base, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N. Y. If successful during two months of preliminary training he will be sent to a southern training station for seven months of advance instruction. Upon completion of this course, he will be commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve, receive his designation as Naval Aviator and will be assigned to duty with the fleet.

Pvt. William Wall, '28-'29, has been advanced to specialist third class, 8th C. A. S. C. He has been assigned to the adjutant general's department at Fort Sill, Okla.

Corp. John R. Hurley may be reached by writing to him in care of Batry. C, 150th F. A., A. P. O. 38, Camp Shelby, Miss.

Pvt. First Class Joseph F. Sanislo writes, "Since March 3, we have been here at the University of Kentucky examining candidates physically and mentally for Aviation Cadet Training."

## PLAN 1942 REUNION; BANQUET, MAY 31

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ius Vichuras, Charles Maloney, and Alfred Mayer.

The class of '31 introduced the idea of the tenth anniversary reunion last year. Thirty-one members of the class were present. Members of the class formed an invitation committee. They went through old group pictures to pick out the names of students who had been members of the class at some time or other but had not graduated. In that way, they formed a list on ninety-nine names.

## In Diocese of Cleveland



REV. A. P. BOEFF

The Alumni Office thanks the CATHOLIC UNIVERSE BULLETIN for the following pictures and biographical data concerning alumni in the diocese of Cleveland:

BOEFF, Anthony P., pastor St. Clement, Navarre. Educated: St. Stephen, St. Boniface, Cleveland; St. Joseph High, Rensselaer, Ind.; John Carroll, St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland. Ordained May 39, 1926, Cleveland, by Archbishop Schrembs. Appointments: July 7, 1926, assistant, St. Mary, Massillon; Oct. 7, 1926, assistant, St. Peter, Canton; July 16, 1930, assistant, St. Boniface, Cleveland; April 29, 1938, pastor, St. Clement, Navarre.

BOMBACH, Anthony Leo, pastor St. Christine, Euclid. Educated: Public schools in native Austria; parochial schools, Lorain; St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Ind.; St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland. Ordained May 25, 1918, Cleveland, by Bishop Farrelly. Appointments: June 12, 1918, assistant St. Vitus, Cleveland; Aug. 18, 1921, assistant, St. Lawrence, Cleveland; July 31, 1924, pastor, Sacred Heart, Barberton; Jan. 22, 1931, pastor, St. Christine, Euclid.

## IN PASSION PLAY

LOUISVILLE—Three alumni carried roles in the passion play, "Ecce Agnus Dei," produced by the Catholic Theatre Guild. David Maloney, '28-'30, was Caiphas; Herman Kirchner, '28-'32, Simon of Cyrene, and Joseph Fontana, '28-'34, Pilate.



REV. A. L. BOMBACH

## WILLIE AND BERTIE GET ABSTRACT

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You, Bertie, ses Willie, are laboring under a multiplicity of confused ideas. The dodos that teach in some colleges don't even know there are first principles; so how can they teach them?

At this point I interrupts to ask Willie what he means about some people not havin' sense. I ses, don't this college teach a student to have good sense.

He ses it tries but it ain't always sure fire... He ses readin' books help, but, he repeats, it ain't always sure fire. He ses he knows some men who ain't read much and yet got lotta sense, and he knows some men who read almost all the books and still ain't got sense.

I ses, do you think you will ever figger out a sure fire way for people to get sense?

He ses he don't think so, but that if he does it will make him the greatest man in history.

I ask him how come.

He ses he will then write a book on how to get sense, and then a law will be passed making everybody read that book, and then everybody will have sense, and then there won't be no war, and no crime, and nuthin'.

But, I ses, until you write that book, how will people that ain't got sense get it.

He ses the only thing he can think for them to do is to pray for it.

## Three Alumni Near Priesthood

CINCINNATI.—Three alumni now completing their studies at Mount St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, will be ordained Saturday, May 30.

James O'Grady, who left the campus in the spring of '35, studied at St. Mary's Preparatory Seminary, St. Mary's, Ky., for a year. He then attended St. Gregory's Seminary two years before entering St. Mary's. He will be ordained in Toledo and will read his First Mass at St. Rose, Lima.

Donad Klaus left St. Joseph's in '35 to study at Catholic University three years. He studied at Louvain a year and at Sion, Switzerland, a year. With the outbreak of the war he returned home to complete his studies at St. Mary's. He will be ordained in Toledo and will read his First Mass in Landeck.

Victor Broering attended the University of Dayton for two years after leaving St. Joseph's in '34. He got his preparatory work at St. Gregory's. He will be ordained in Cincinnati and will read his First Mass at Cassella.

## ST. JOE GRADS PLUG JAPANESE LINGO

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Japanese has a complicated syntax. Verbs, nouns, adjectives, have an almost infinite number of suffixes and prefixes.

It is very indefinite. The subject of a sentence is often omitted. There is no singular or plural as we understand it.

There is a wide gulf between Japanese and occidental civilizations. Many of our words have no Japanese equivalent—we say spoon, fork; they say, chopstick. We say bed; they say mat. We say electricity; they say lightning spirit.

There are innumerable ways of saying the same thing in Japanese, depending on the person addressed. For instance: To say, "How are you?" to a friend or equal: "Ika ga ka?" To a casual acquaintance: "Ika go desu ka?" To a superior, "Ika ga irasshaima suka?"

Any alumnus still interested in studying Japanese may receive information by writing to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.